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THE HEDGEHOG

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...AGAINST
ULTIMATE POWER?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU'RE GOING TO **DESTROY KNUCKLES?!**

HE IS NO LONGER KNUCKLES! NOW HE IS ONLY **ENERJAK!**

DESPERATE TIMES

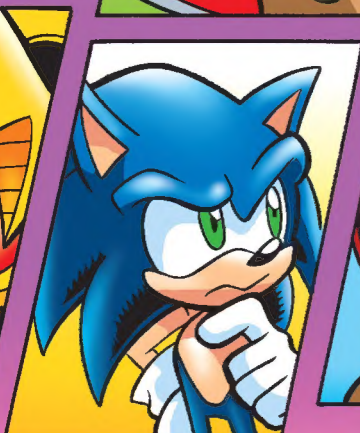
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JULIE-SU
Knuckles' Girlfriend



ENERJAK
Knuckles turned Villain



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
Hero of Mobius

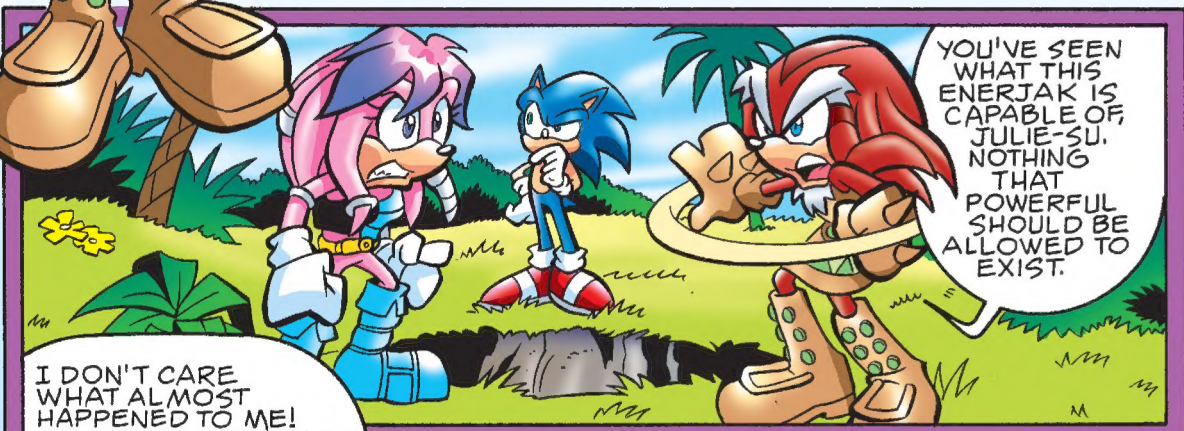
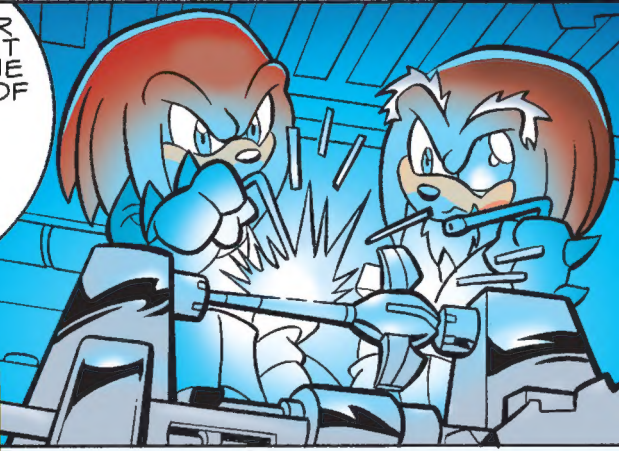


LOCKE
Knuckles' Father



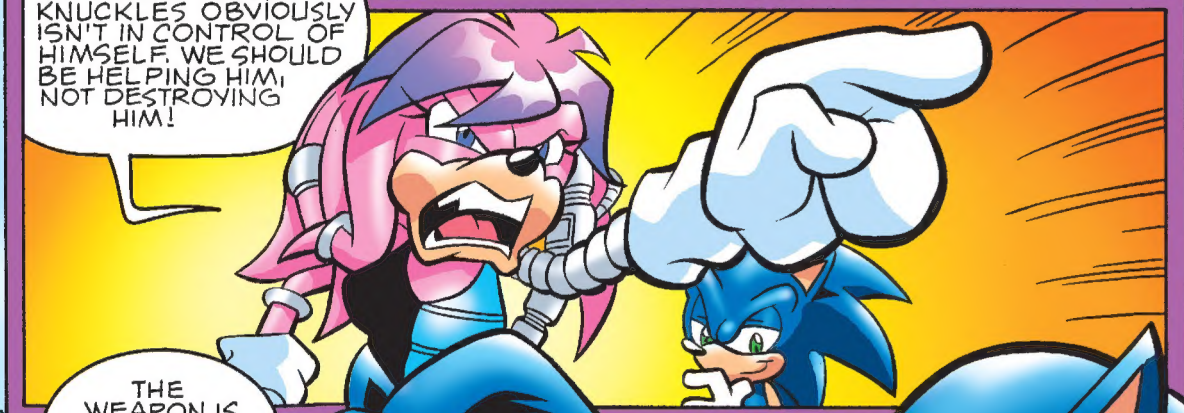
SHORTLY AFTER ENERJAK'S LAST APPEARANCE*, THE BROTHERHOOD OF GUARDIANS CRAFTED A WEAPON THAT WOULD DESTROY HIM IF HE EVER RETURNED.

**BACK IN THE CLASSIC KNUCKLES # 7!*



YOU'VE SEEN WHAT THIS ENERJAK IS CAPABLE OF, JULIE-SU. NOTHING THAT POWERFUL SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO EXIST.

I DON'T CARE WHAT ALMOST HAPPENED TO ME! KNUCKLES OBVIOUSLY ISN'T IN CONTROL OF HIMSELF. WE SHOULD BE HELPING HIM, NOT DESTROYING HIM!



THE WEAPON IS A PERFECTLY HUMANE WAY TO...



NO, IT'S---! SONIC! BACK ME UP HERE!

I DUNNO, 'SU. I THINK I WANT TO TAKE A LOOK AT LOCKE'S WEAPON.



WHAT?!

VERY GOOD, THEN.

I WILL TRY TO PUT US AS CLOSE TO THE RUINS OF THE GRAND CONSERVATORY AS POSSIBLE.

I WON'T LET YOU DO THIS.

OH, I THINK YOU WILL.

THE WEAPON IS HIDDEN THERE. I PRAY WE DON'T RUN INTO ANY--

SGT. SIMIAN

PREDATOR HAWK

FLYING FROG

SLEUTH DAWG

--RESISTANCE.

WELCOME BACK, OLD MAN. WHAT DO YOU WANT SAID IN YOUR EULOGY?

DRAGO WOLF

FIONA FOX

LIGHTNING LYNX

SCOURGE THE HEDGEHOG



MEANWHILE, IN NEW MEGAOPOLIS...

MWA-HA-HA-HA!
LOOK HOW THE MIGHTY HAVE FALLEN!

THE "ALL-POWERFUL" ENERJAK IS NOW MY PERSONAL CHAOS-POWERED BATTERY!

AND SONIC HONESTLY THOUGHT I WAS THERE TO HELP HIM!*

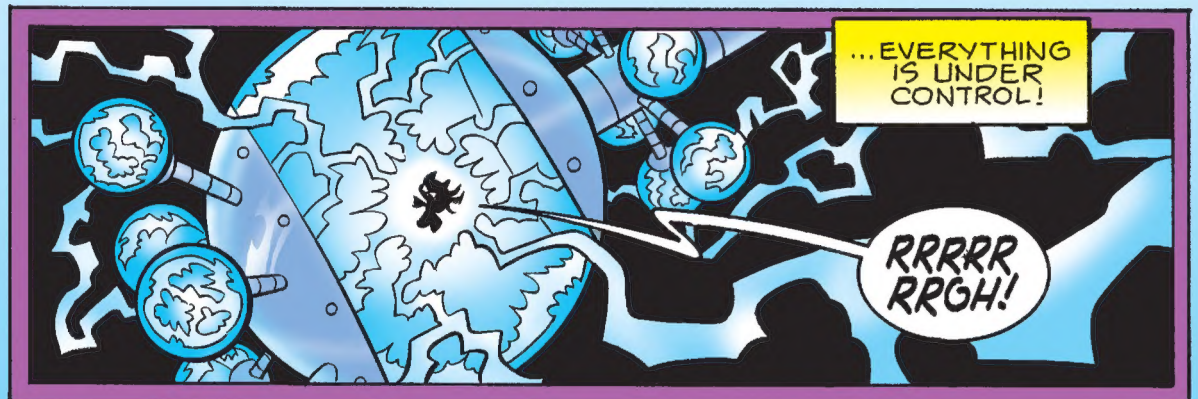
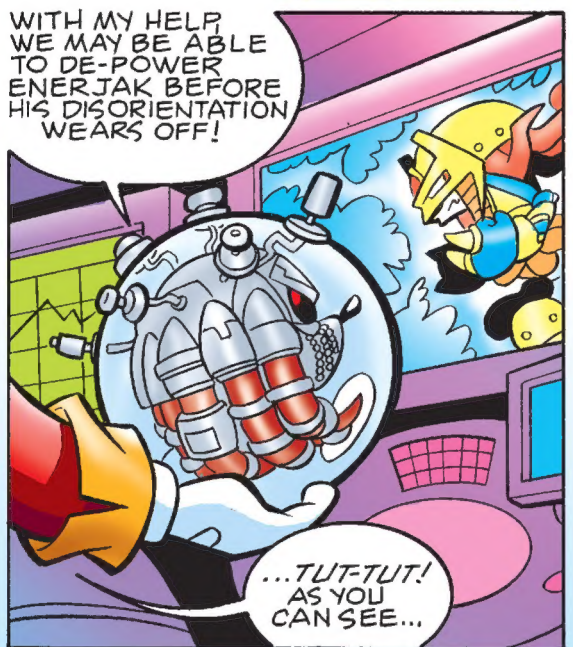
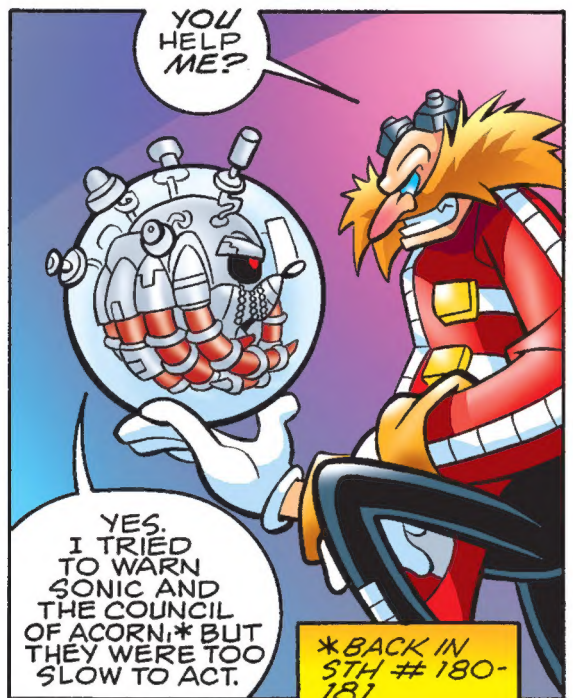
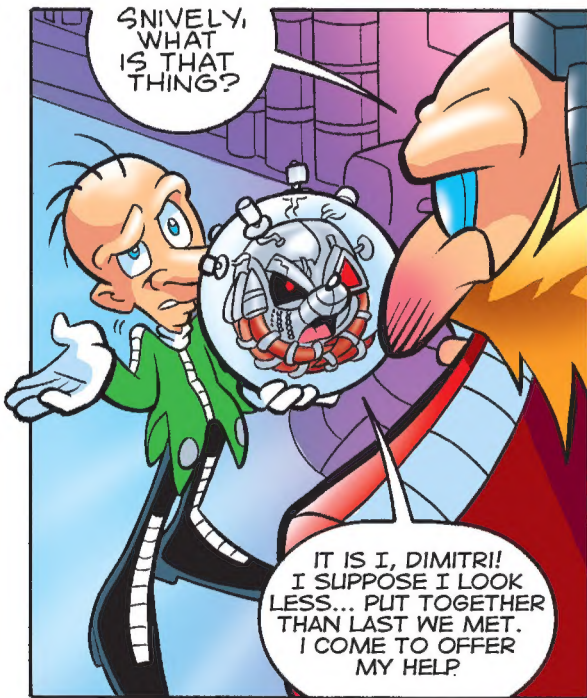
*SORT OF--SEE LAST ISSUE!

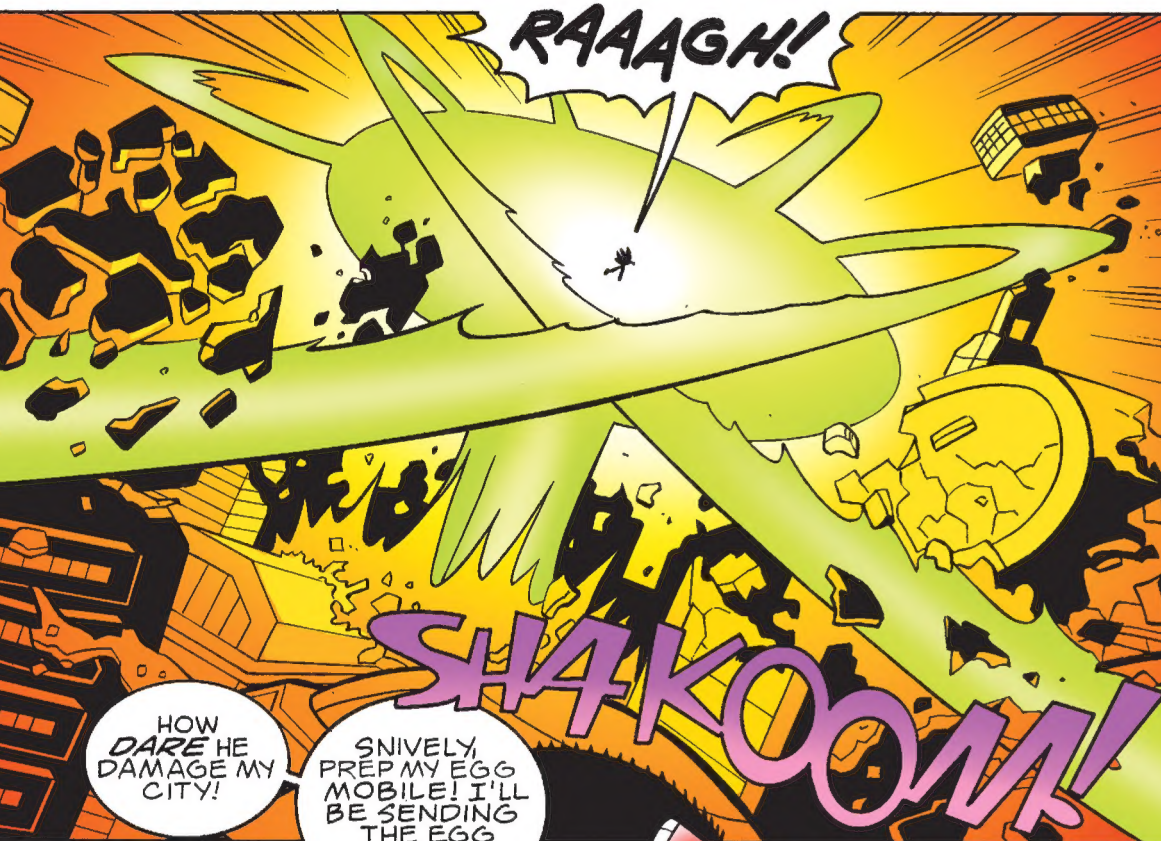
I MAY BE DOWN TO THOSE LAST FEW EGG GRAPES, BUT THE POWER I SAP FROM ENERJAK WILL BE MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR MY NEXT BIG PROJECT!

WHILE I HATE TO INTERRUPT YOUR MID-VICTORIOUS RANT...

...I FOUND A STOWAWAY FROM NEW MOBOTROPOLIS.

GOOD AFTERNOON, DR. ROBOTNIK. GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN.





NOW NO ONE
CAN STOP
ENERJAK!

I SHOULD HAVE
KNOWN BETTER
WHEN DR. FINITEVLUS
SAID YOU WERE
REFORMED
MERCENARIES!*

*BACK IN
5TH # 171
REMEMBER?

WE'VE
TAKEN YOU
DESTRUCTIX
DOWN
BEFORE!

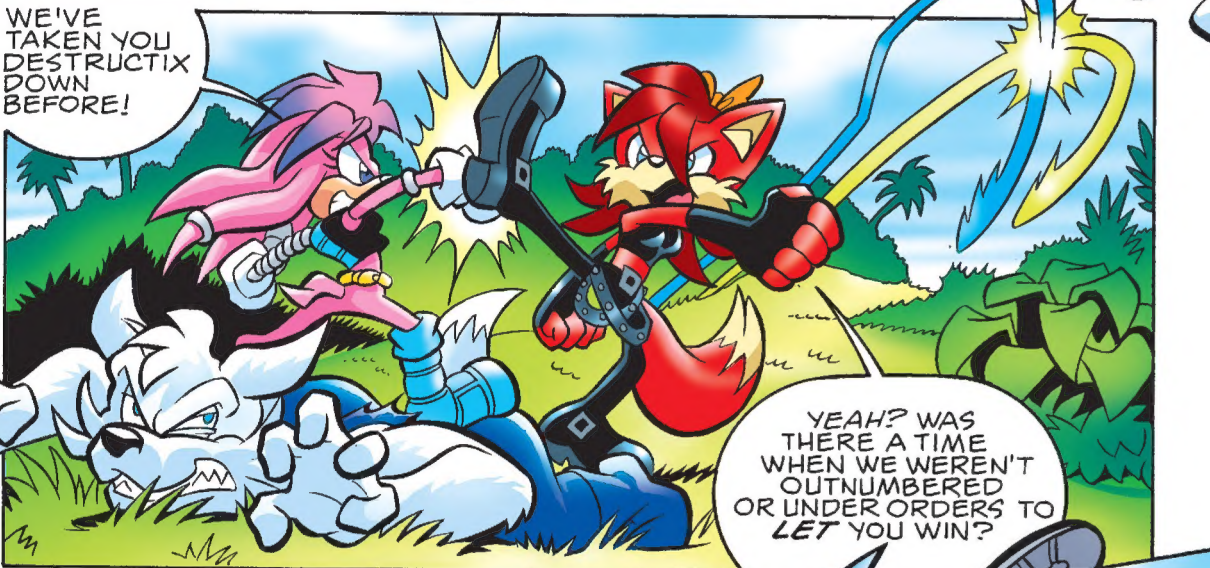
YEAH? WAS
THERE A TIME
WHEN WE WEREN'T
OUTNUMBERED
OR UNDER ORDERS
TO LET YOU WIN?

THIS IS SAD,
EVEN FOR YOU.
THE DESTRUCTIX
ARE A JOKE!

THERE'RE
PERKS TO
BEING PART
OF A TEAM...

OOF!

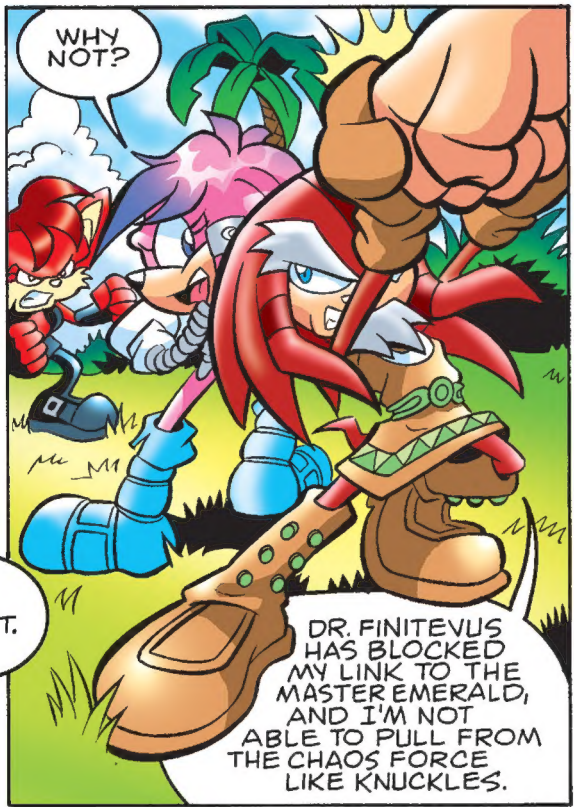
... ESPECIALLY
WHEN THE JOKE'S
ON YOU!





YOU'RE A GUARDIAN LIKE KNUCKLES, RIGHT? WHY DON'T YOU USE YOUR CHAOS POWERS ON THESE GUYS?

I CAN'T.



WHY NOT?

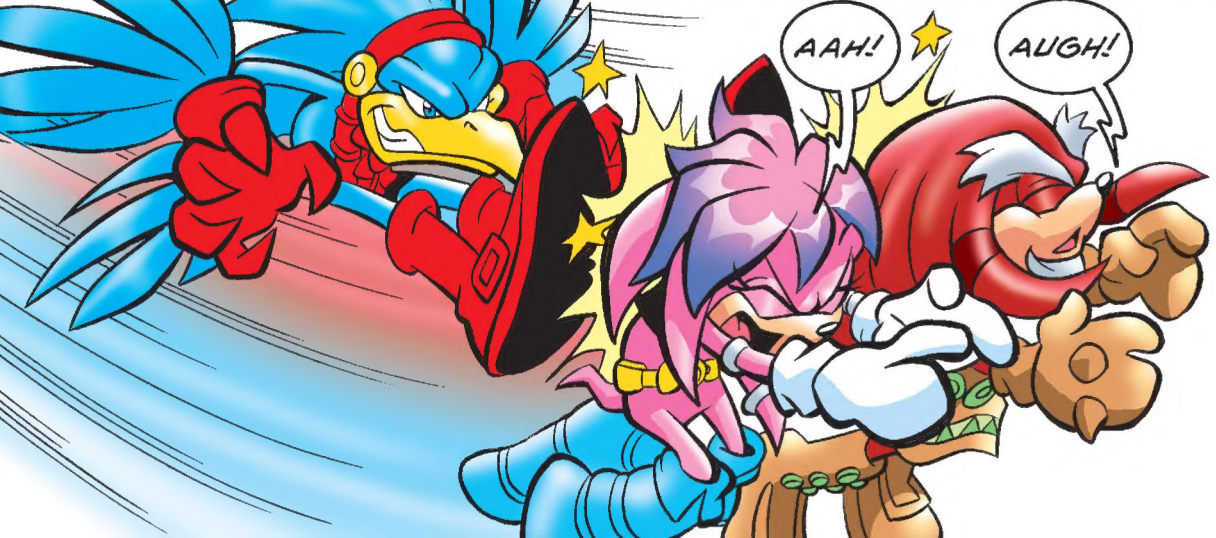
DR. FINITEVUS HAS BLOCKED MY LINK TO THE MASTER EMERALD, AND I'M NOT ABLE TO PULL FROM THE CHAOS FORCE LIKE KNUCKLES.



AND JUST HOW DID THAT CREEP GET CLOSE TO THE MASTER EMERALD?

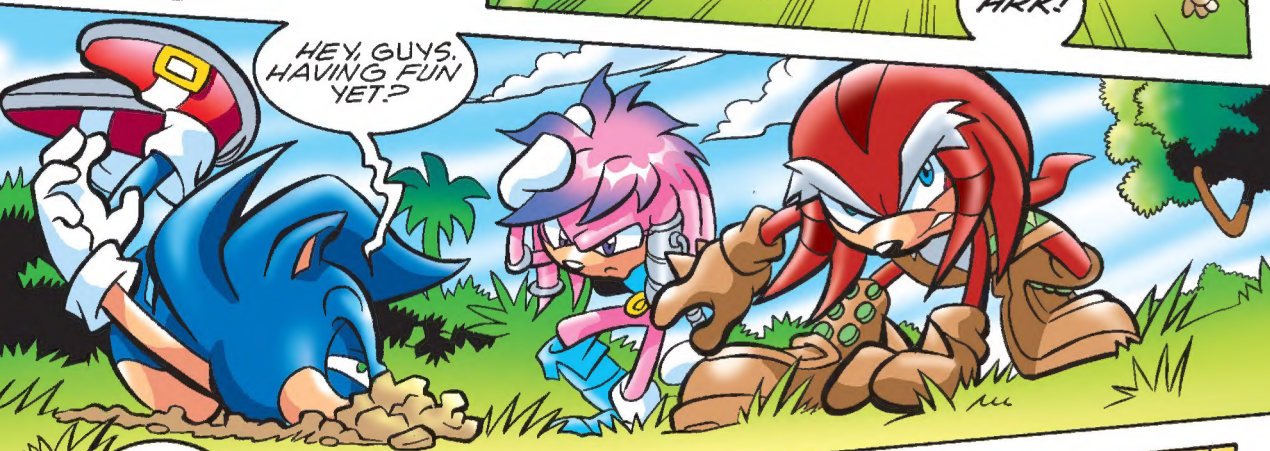
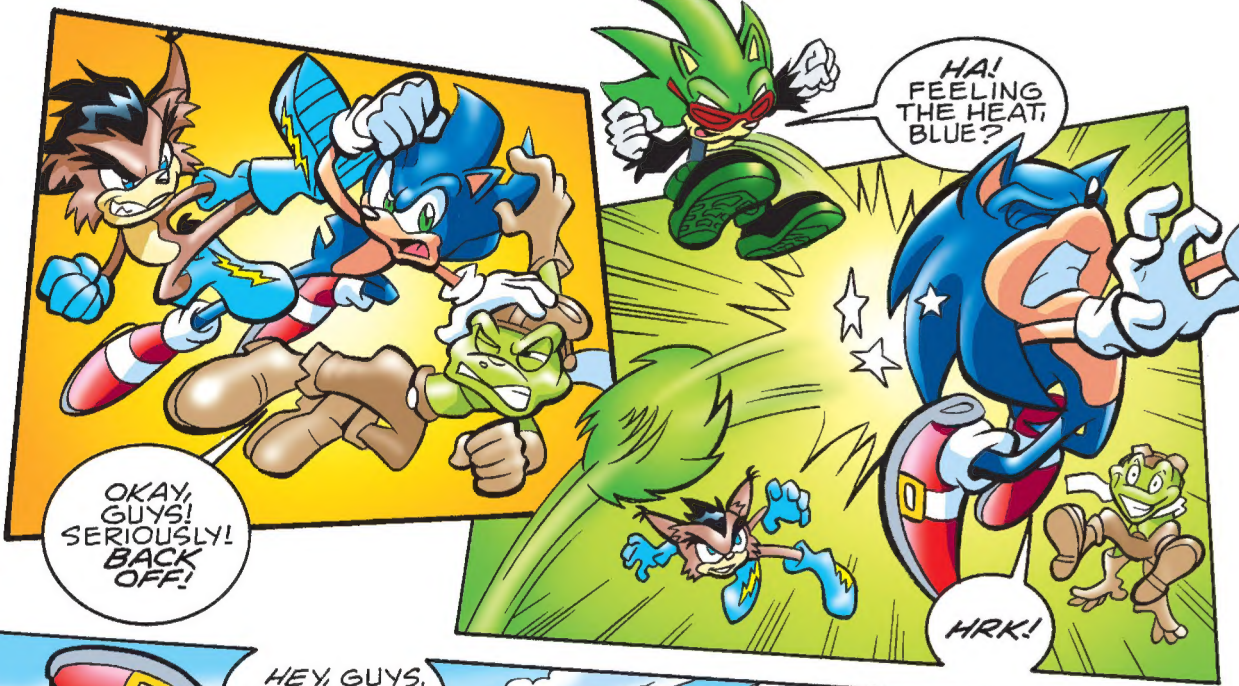
I HAD TO FIND MY FOREFATHERS! IF KNUCKLES HAD ONLY PERFORMED HIS DUTY--!

AND THAT EXCUSES YOU FROM ABANDONING YOURS?!



AAH!

AUGH!

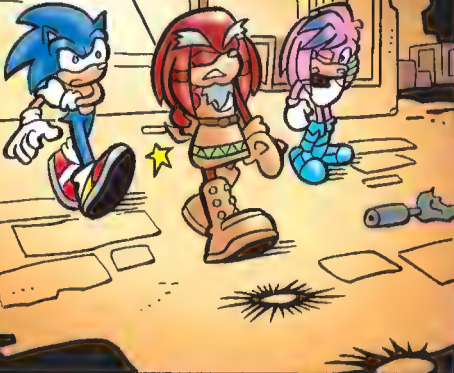


MOMENTS LATER...

REMINDE ME--THE FIRE-BREATHING ANT IS...? ...?

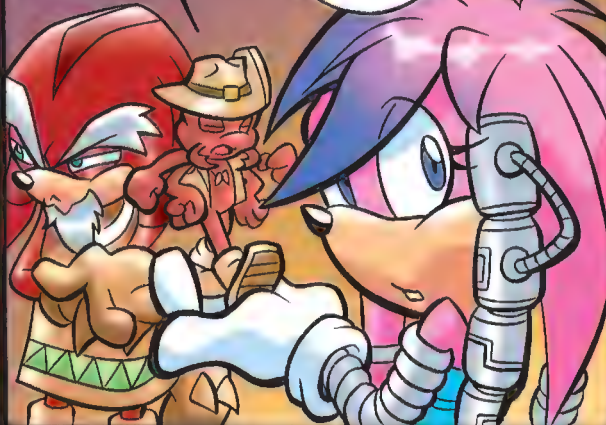
ARCHIMEDES, A FORMER MENTOR OF MINE...

AND KNUCKLES!



THE DESTRUCTIX WILL BE ON TOP OF US ANY MINUTE NOW. WE SHOULD...

FIND THE WEAPON?



'CAUSE I DID THAT. WHAT? YOU GUYS WERE BUSY TALKING, SO I GRABBED IT.



AND A RECURRING VOICE OF REASON, I'D LIKE TO THINK.

BAMF

HELLO, OLD FRIEND. IS THE WEAPON SAFE?



YES, BUT WE WON'T BE USING IT. LOCKE, KNUCKLES' TRANSFORMATION IS OUR FAULT, NOT HIS. IT WAS YOUR GENETIC AND CHAOS-ENERGY EXPERIMENTS THAT GAVE KNUCKLES HIS POWERS.

WE PUT THE WORLD ON HIS SHOULDERS AND TOLD HIM TO BEAR IT. WE'RE AS GUILTY FOR CREATING THIS NEW ENERJAK AS DR. FINITEVUS.



HOLD IT, SONIC. DOCTOR FINITEVUS HIRED US TO KEEP YOU FROM USING THAT WEAPON ON HIS PRECIOUS ENERJAK.

OOOOOOOOOH!
WELL, IF THAT'S THE CASE...



I HOPE YOU GUYS AREN'T PLANNING ON CHARGING FOR OVERTIME. ARE WE DONE HERE?

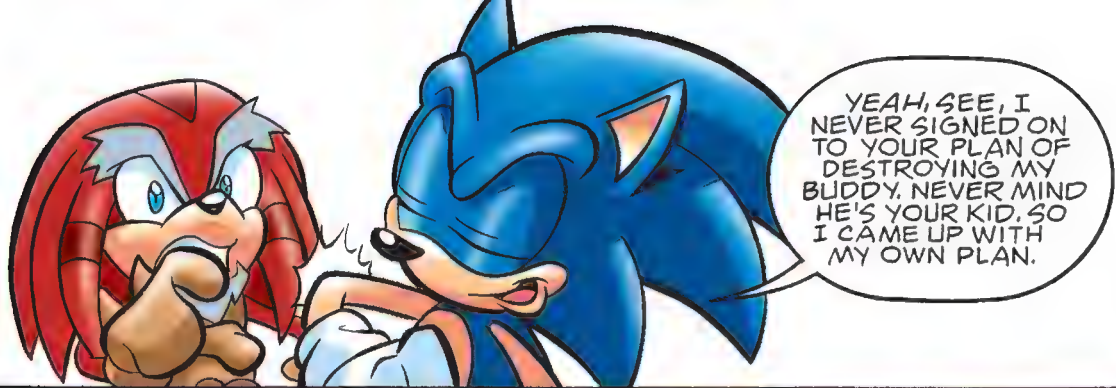
I--I SUPPOSE SO.

...DESTRUCTIX, FALL BACK.

PSSHT!
IT WAS MY IDEA TO SMASH IT IN THE FIRST PLACE.

YOU IDIOT!
THAT WAS THE ONLY OPTION WE HAD LEFT !!!



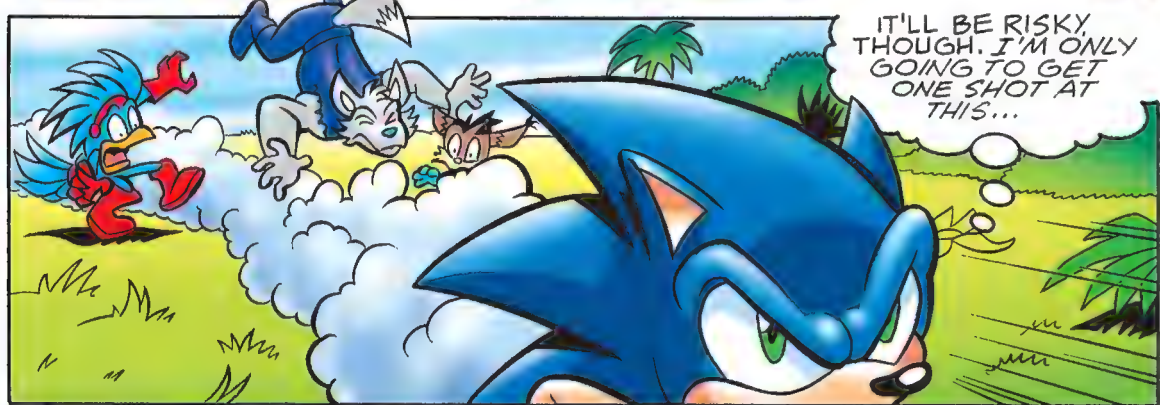


YEAH, SEE, I NEVER SIGNED ON TO YOUR PLAN OF DESTROYING MY BUDDY. NEVER MIND HE'S YOUR KID, SO I CAME UP WITH MY OWN PLAN.

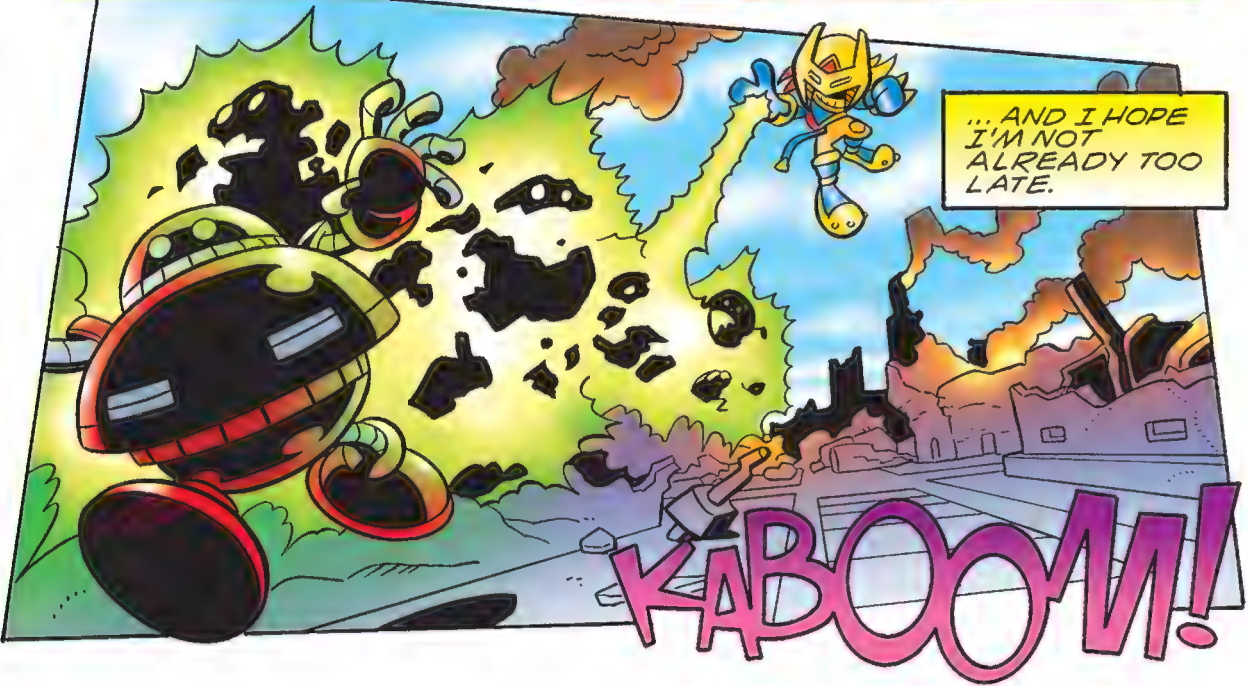


WAIT! WHAT PLAN?

NO TIME TO EXPLAIN, 'SU! BUT I'LL GET RID OF ENERJAK AND GET KNUCKLES BACK!



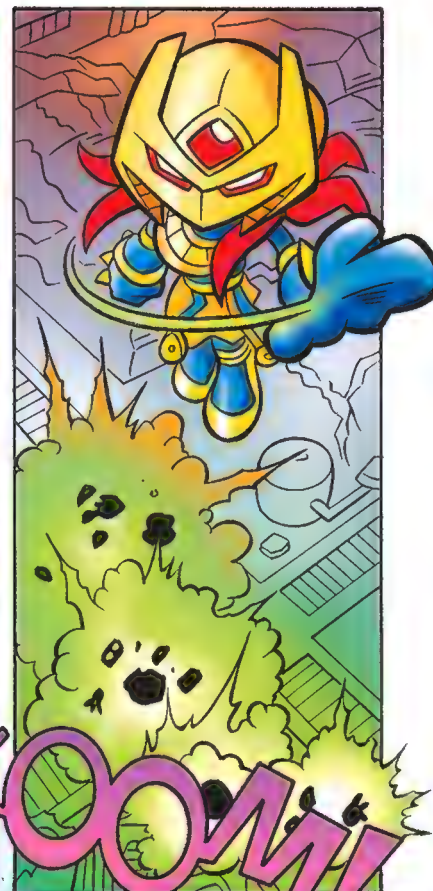
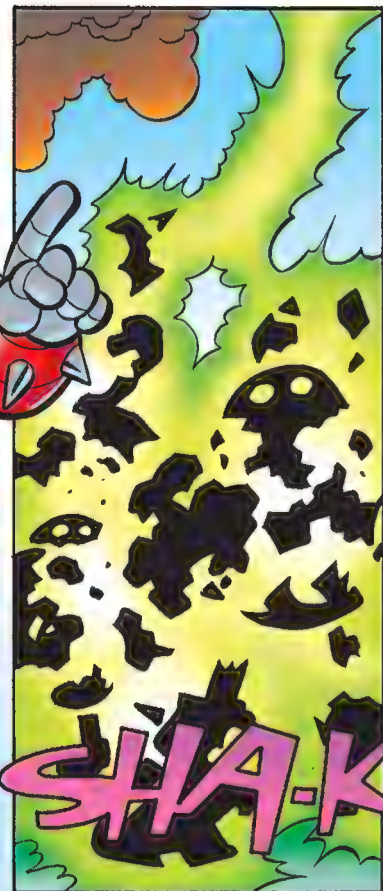
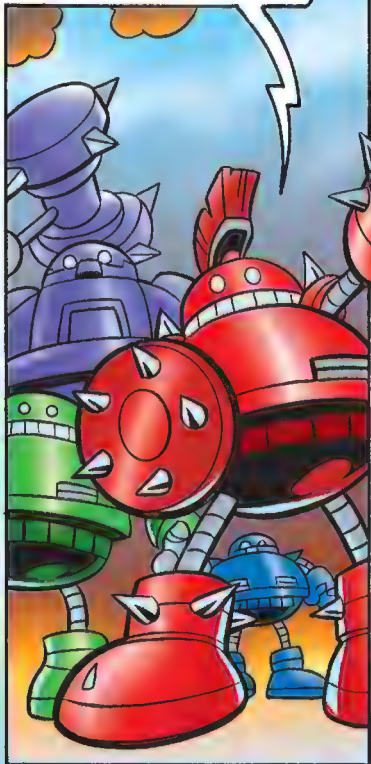
IT'LL BE RISKY, THOUGH. I'M ONLY GOING TO GET ONE SHOT AT THIS...



... AND I HOPE I'M NOT ALREADY TOO LATE.

KABOOM!

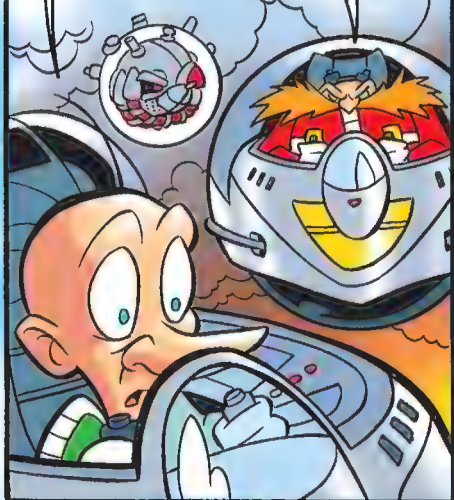
ONWARD, BADNIK HORDE! VANQUISH ALL IN THE NAME OF THE EGGMAN EMPIRE!



SIR, WE'VE LOST OVER NINETY PERCENT OF OUR GROUND FORCES. MOST OF THE OUTLYING CITY IS... GONE.

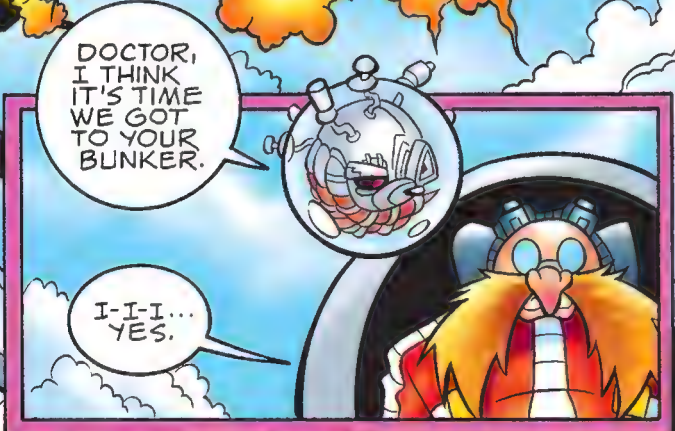
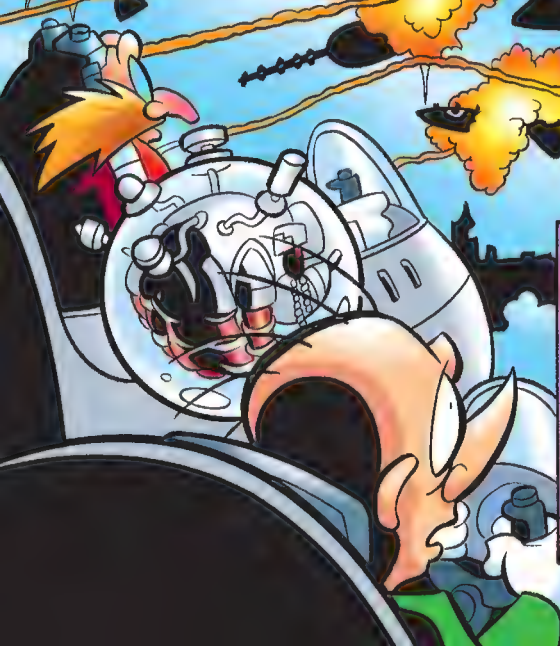
WE'VE... LOST.

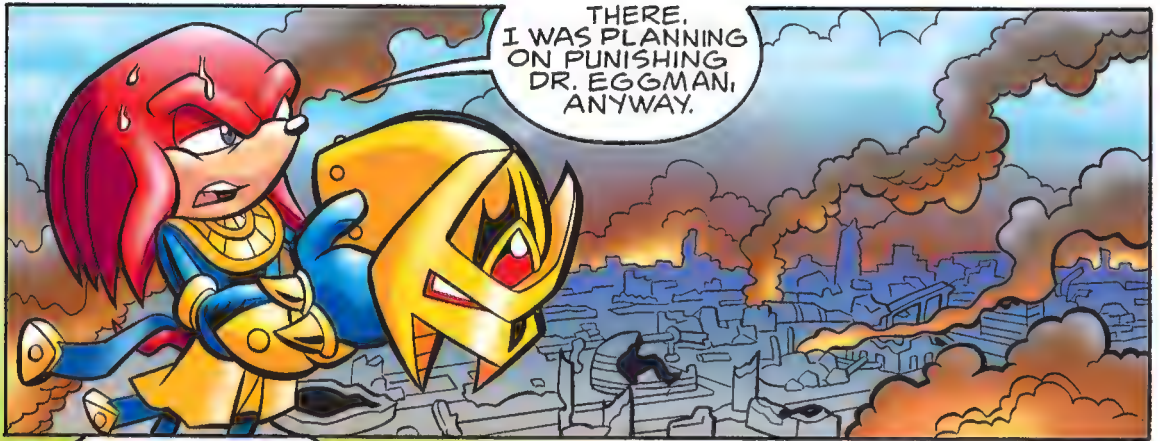
NOT YET, SNIVELY. THERE'S STILL THE EGG FLEET.



THERE WON'T BE ENOUGH LEFT OF ENERJAK TO FILL A PETRI DISH.







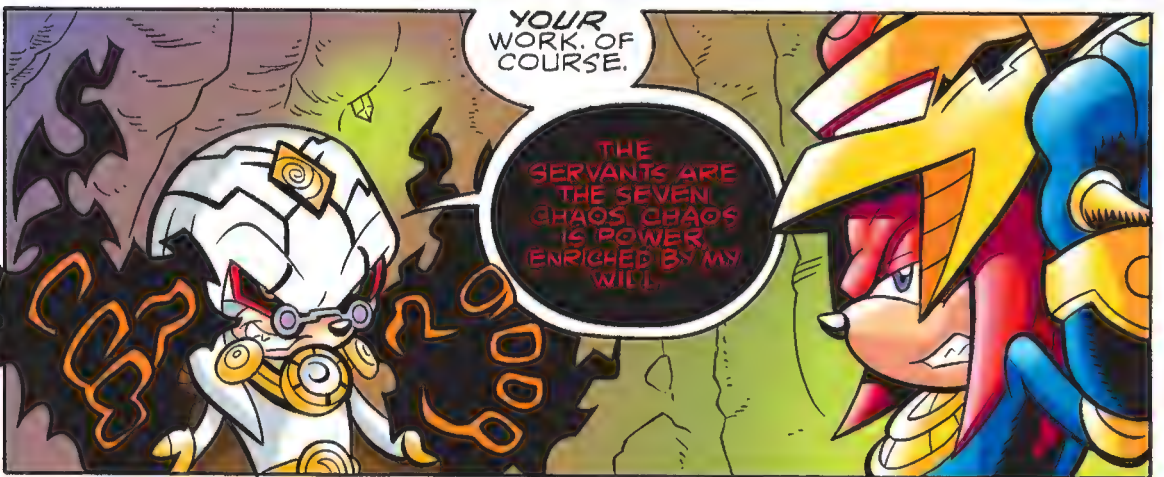
THERE, I WAS PLANNING ON PUNISHING DR. EGGMAN, ANYWAY.

UNGH...THE EGG GRAPES TOOK A SURPRISING AMOUNT OF POWER FROM ME, I MUST RETURN TO THE MASTER EMERALD FOR MORE.



ENERJAK! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU?

MY POWER HAS BEEN DEPLETED. I NEED MORE. MY WORK IS NOT FINISHED!



YOUR WORK, OF COURSE.

THE SERVANTS ARE THE SEVEN CHAOS. CHAOS IS POWER ENRICHED BY MY WILL.



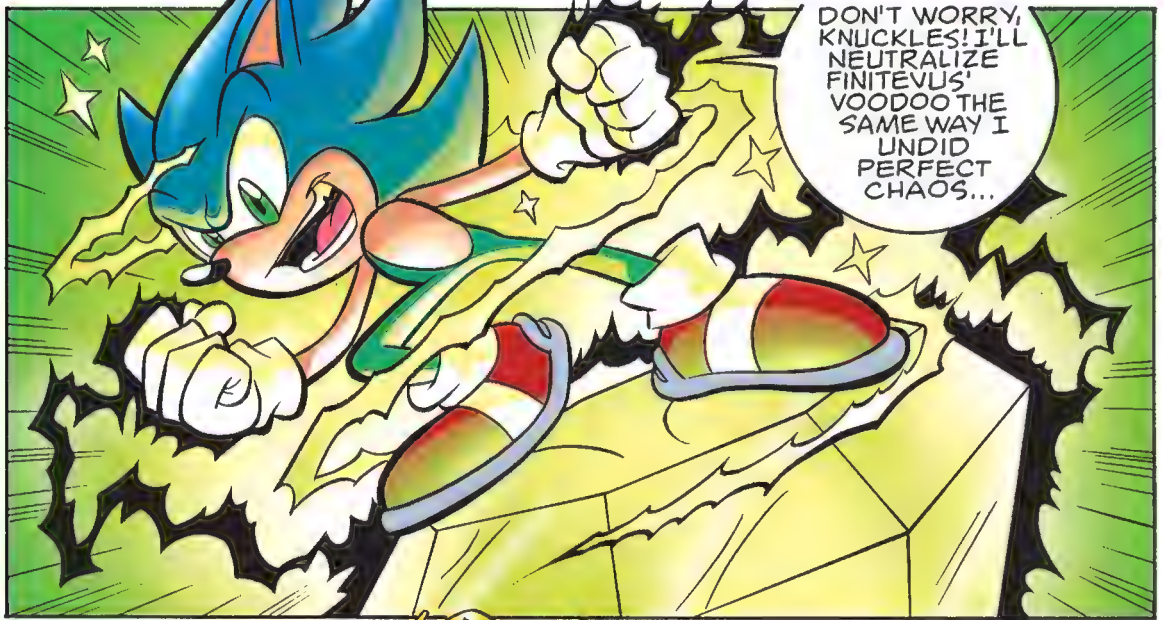
THAT WILL BE ENOUGH OF THAT, GUYS!

WHAM!

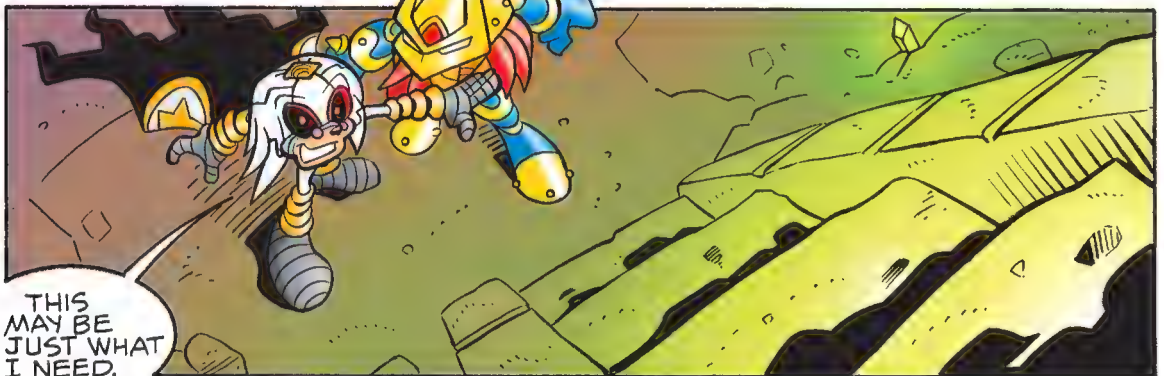


STOP! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

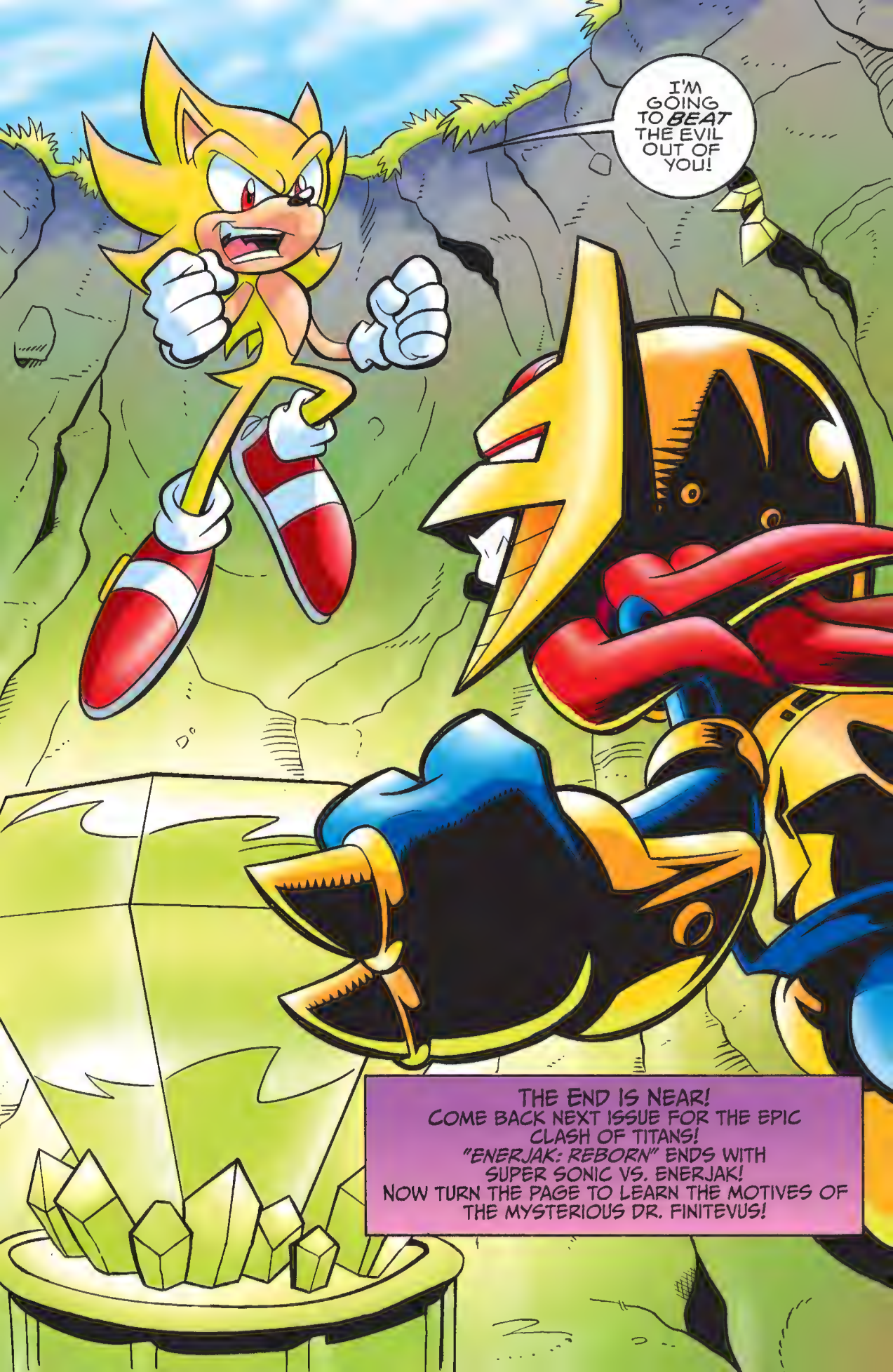
SOMETHING SCOURGE TRIED NOT TOO LONG AGO.



DON'T WORRY, KNUCKLES! I'LL NEUTRALIZE FINITEVUS' VOODOO THE SAME WAY I UNDO PERFECT CHAOS...



THIS MAY BE JUST WHAT I NEED.



I'M
GOING
TO *BEAT*
THE EVIL
OUT OF
YOU!

THE END IS NEAR!
COME BACK NEXT ISSUE FOR THE EPIC
CLASH OF TITANS!
"ENERJAK: REBORN" ENDS WITH
SUPER SONIC VS. ENERJAK!
NOW TURN THE PAGE TO LEARN THE MOTIVES OF
THE MYSTERIOUS DR. FINITEVUS!

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HOURS EARLIER...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THE MASTER EMERALD, SCOURGE?

WHOA! DOC FINITEVUS!

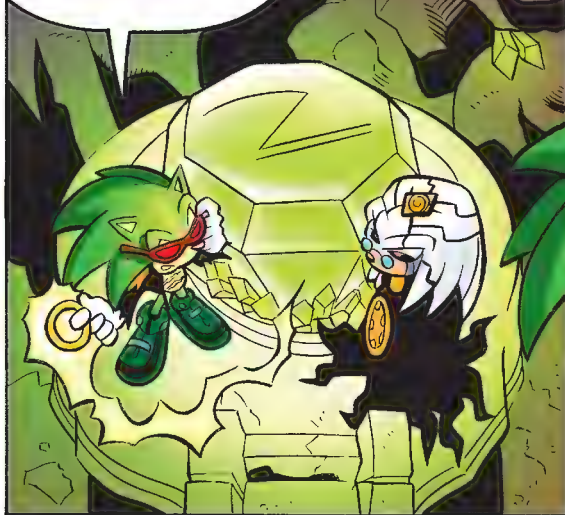
NO WORRIES. I'M JUST CHARGING UP THIS WARP RING AS A "JUST-IN-CASE."

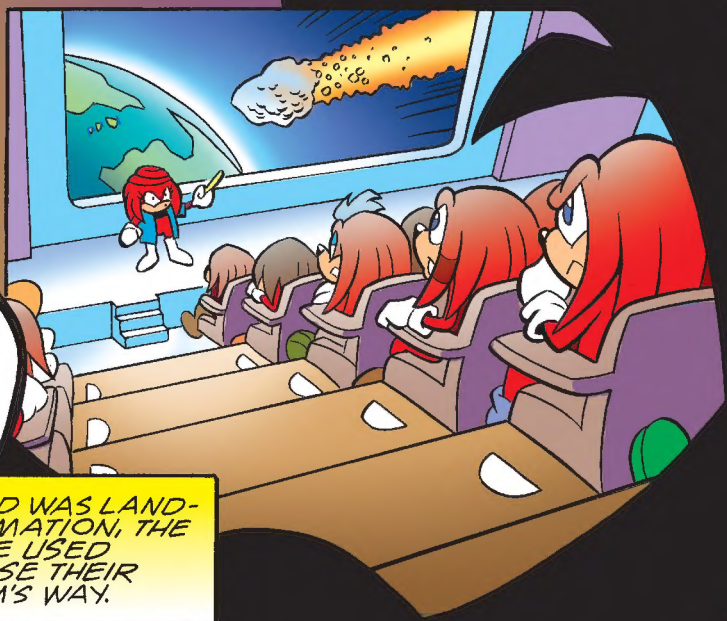
Y'KNOW... IF YOUR ENERJAK PLAN GOES SOUTH.

I SEE.

NOT LIKE I GET YOUR PLAN, OR WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT, OR WHAT-EVER.

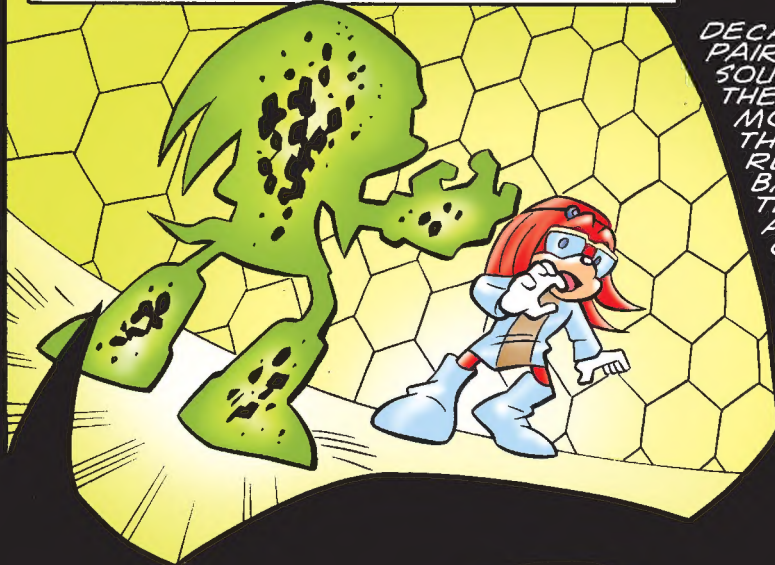
WHAT IT'S "ABOUT" DATES BACK HUNDREDS OF YEARS...






BACK WHEN ANGEL ISLAND WAS LAND-LOCKED AND FACING DECIMATION, THE GREAT MINDS AT THE TIME USED CHAOS EMERALDS TO RAISE THEIR HOMELAND OUT OF HARM'S WAY.

DECADES LATER, A PAIR OF BROTHERS SOUGHT TO RETURN THE ISLAND TO MOBIUS. WHEN THEIR LEADERS REFUSED, ONE BACKED DOWN, THE OTHER'S ACTIONS WOULD GIVE RISE TO ENERJAK...




... AND LATER SET THEIR SONS AGAINST EACH OTHER. ONE MAN'S ARROGANCE GAVE RISE TO THE FIRST GUARDIAN OF THE BROTHERHOOD AND THE FIRST GRANDMASTER OF THE DARK LEGION.





COUNTLESS
ECHIDNA
FAMILIES
WOULD
HAVE
THEIR
LIVES
AFFECTED
BY THIS
BLOOD
FEUD.

THE SQUABBLING
HAS CROSSED TIME
AND SPACE, GROWING
MORE CONVOLUTED
WITH EACH
GENERATION.



SEVENTEEN GENERATIONS OF GUARDIANS AND FIVE GRAND-MASTERS HAVE RESULTED IN NOTHING.

I THOUGHT YOU WERE WITH THE DARK LEGION?

MY TIME WITH THE DARK LEGION WAS A RUSE TO GET ME CLOSE TO WHAT I NEEDED.

THERE, I COULD STUDY HOW THE BLOODLINE COULD CHANNEL CHAOS ENERGIES. MORITORI REX WAS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST DUE TO HIS TIME HIDING AS A GUARDIAN.

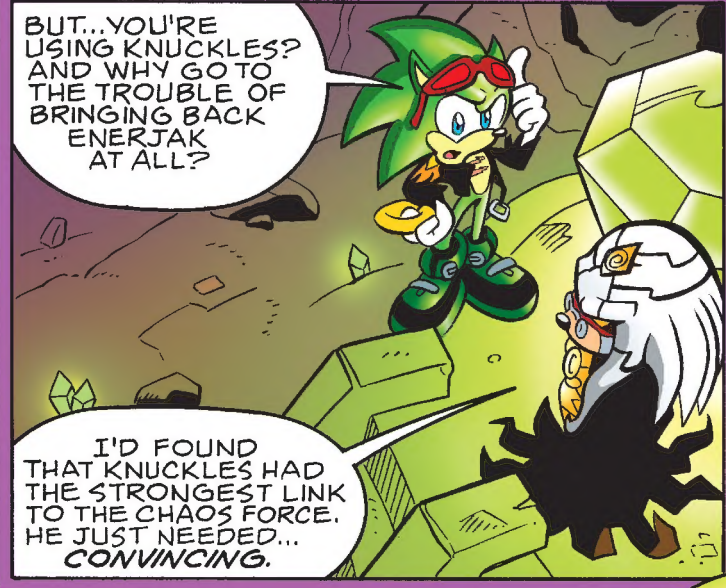
I DISASSEMBLED DIMITRI'S ROBOT BODY TO LEARN WHAT I COULD, WHILE THE BATTLE-RAGGED BROTHERHOOD...

...PROVED INVALUABLE.

ONCE I'D LEARNED ALL I COULD, I TOSSED WHAT WAS LEFT OF THE OLD MEN INTO THE TWILIGHT ZONE. I THOUGHT IT A FITTING PLACE, SINCE THE DARK LEGION HAD BEEN JAILED THERE ON SO MANY OCCASIONS.

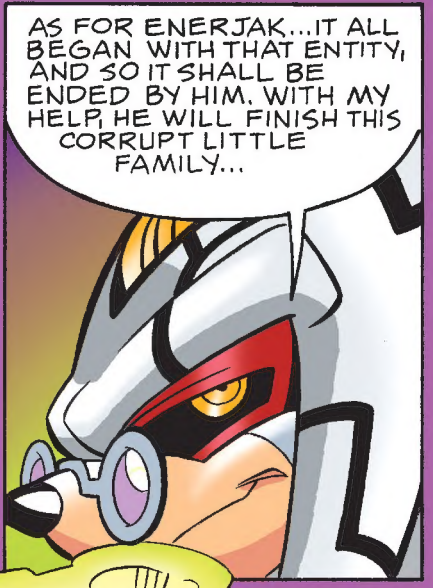


I PLANNED ON USING ONE OF DIMITRI'S DESCENDANTS FOR ENERJAK. LIEN-DA HAD THE DRIVE, BUT WAS HARD TO CONTROL. SO I RESCUED REMINGTON FROM DR. EGGMAN AND BEGAN TO MOLD HIM.

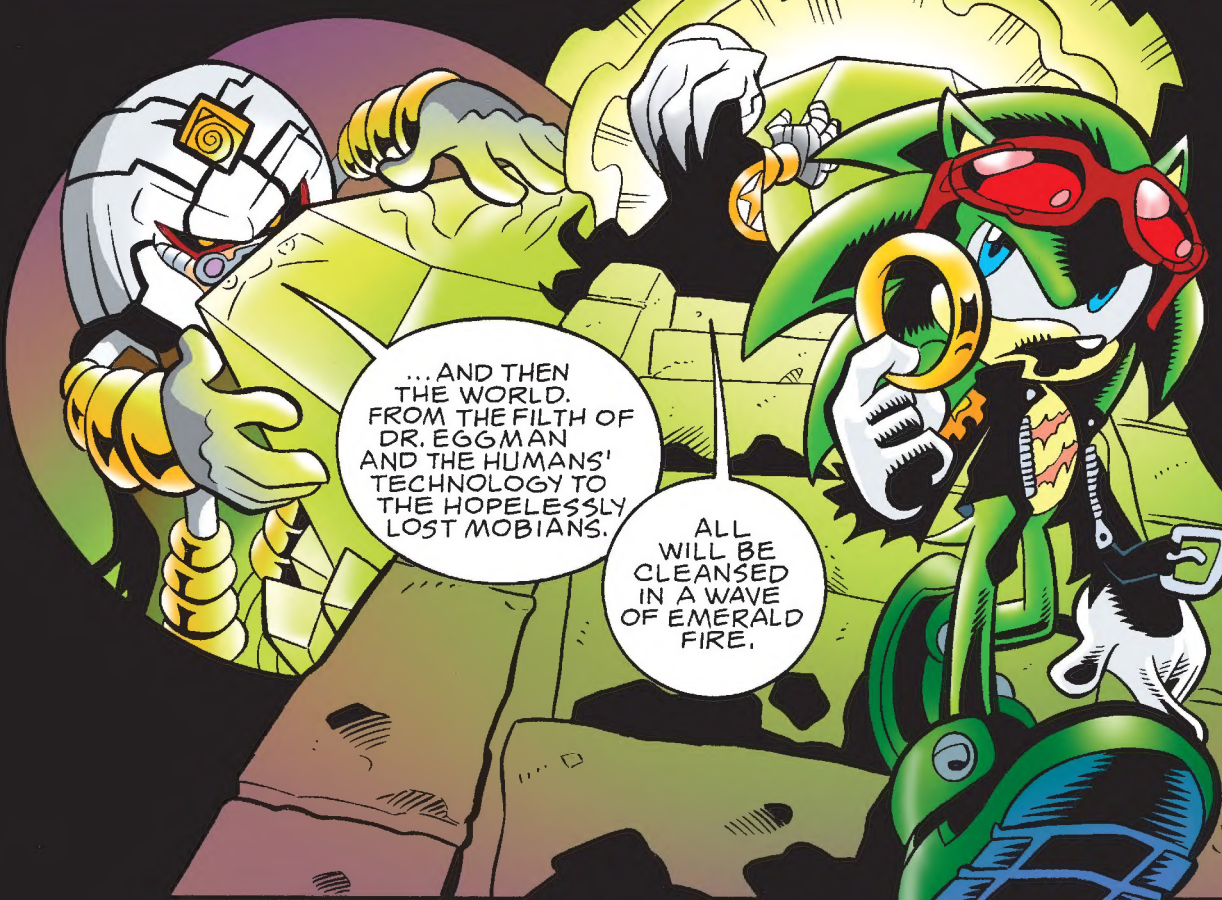


BUT...YOU'RE USING KNUCKLES?
AND WHY GO TO THE TROUBLE OF BRINGING BACK ENERJAK AT ALL?

I'D FOUND THAT KNUCKLES HAD THE STRONGEST LINK TO THE CHAOS FORCE. HE JUST NEEDED...
CONVINCING.



AS FOR ENERJAK...IT ALL BEGAN WITH THAT ENTITY, AND SO IT SHALL BE ENDED BY HIM. WITH MY HELP, HE WILL FINISH THIS CORRUPT LITTLE FAMILY...



... AND THEN THE WORLD. FROM THE FILTH OF DR. EGGMAN AND THE HUMANS' TECHNOLOGY TO THE HOPELESSLY LOST MOBIANS.

ALL WILL BE CLEANSED IN A WAVE OF EMERALD FIRE.

**WILL DR. FINITEVUS' PLANS SUCCEED?
WHAT IS SCOURGE PLOTTING WITH HIS WARP RING?
COME BACK NEXT MONTH FOR THE PLANET-SHAKING FINALE!**